

**Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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**Thank You to our Volunteers**

**Nursery Volunteers for October**

October 2 Ann Rhyne  
October 9 Becky Steele  
October 16 Linda Liesegang  
October 23 Drew Dunn  
October 30 Eula Calvin

**Children's Church Volunteers for October**

October 2 Jimmy and Debora Smith  
October 9 Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman  
October 16 Jerry and Mary Hutchens  
October 23 Darby Teander  
October 30 Wes and Lynne Waugh



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**SLATE and STONE**

**October 2016**

Called to Worship **✠✠✠** Empowered to Serve  
A Mission Church  
Bringing Members In, Sending Disciples Out

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

828-295-7675  
Rumplechurch.org

**Sunday Services**

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**CHURCH LEADERS & STAFF**

**Moderator:** Rev. Maggie Lauterer  
**Clerk of Session:** Mary Lentz

**Class of 2016**

Wayne Holliday  
Jim Ruff  
Rita White  
Donna Whitt

**Class of 2017**

Audrey Gurkin  
Brenda Lentz  
Jimmy Smith  
Bill Thorn

**Class of 2018**

Mike Rhyne  
Mary Lentz  
Barbara Julien  
Danny Kirkland

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Heather Sigmon, Sexton  
Claire Denness, Nursery Attendant  
Kelly Ginsberg, Nursery Attendant

**Words**

During September, as we considered how we will each support this church in our stewardship of her, we contemplated just what Rumple means to each of us in the first place. We did this in many ways. One of those exercises was to ask you to turn in an index card with seven words that described how you felt about your church here on Main Street in Blowing Rock.

That's a tough assignment, to boil down your myriad of emotions and thoughts about Rumple, but a number of you rose to the challenge and dropped your card in one of the baskets in the sanctuary. Thank you. Cameron took your index cards, and then took the time and effort to electronically magnify your handwritten words. Then she posted them down the halls and stairway and fellowship hall for our Harvest Sunday and October. Each word, I believe, reflects far more than the literal word itself. Here are a few of the words, and as you read them, take your time to let each word speak of experiences here at Rumple: *Joyful. Inspiring. Caring. Sunday School. Friends. Fun. Loving. Hopeful. Cozy. Supportive. Worship. Generous. Inviting. Missional. Peaceful. Challenged. Historic. Beautiful. Diverse.* And one person found an important scripture sentence of seven words quoting Jacob after rising from his dream when he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place". Working around the church, I see these words over and over, and I contemplate why you wrote them, what experience you've had to prompt that word in your head and heart. And for the most part, your seven words were positive and reaffirming for what we all want in a church community. Those words make this place – this centerpiece of your spiritual life – worthy of your time, talent, and treasure.

We are in a transitional time here at Rumple – the In-between-Time – which is never easy, but your stewardship, especially now, is essential. As one of your words reminded us, we are 'challenged'. The last thing the new pastor, whoever God is preparing, will have his/her hands full enough, so let's have the church ready both in spirit and financially. Why? Because as Jacob said and someone in your congregation reminded us, "Surely the Lord is in this place!"

*Maggie*

Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Interim at Rumple

## Rumple Youth



**A great time at the Youth Kick-Off Cookout at Bill and Jewel Magee's**

If you are interested in being a part of Youth Group or our Wednesday programs, please contact Cameron Womack, D.C.E. at [cameronwomack@outlook.com](mailto:cameronwomack@outlook.com) or 828-295-7675 for additional information. Invite your friends!

## Youth in October

### Join us for YOUTH in October

- October 2 – Regular Youth Meeting in the Youth Cottage
- October 8 (Saturday) – Ghost Train
- October 9 – Corn Maze – **All Families and Friends are Welcome!**
- October 11—Youth Breakfast at the Youth Cottage
- October 16 – Regular Youth Meeting in the Youth Cottage
- October 23 – Regular Youth Meeting in the Youth Cottage
- October 30 – Hallelujah Festival

To learn more about these events and to register, please contact our youth intern, Darby Teander or DCE, Cameron Womack



**Off-the-Grid Mountain Adventures**



## Music Notes

### Music Musings...

**ASU Choral Scholars are in place!** We are pleased to welcome back, Evan Adair and Kenton McCollum from last year's group of Choral Scholars. We are also pleased to welcome Amanda Hemric and Caroline Valitutto as new participants in the Choral Scholars' program. Amanda joined us at the beginning of September and is a first year Grad Student majoring in Voice Performance. Caroline joins us for the first time today and is a senior Music Therapy major. Welcome everyone and as always a big thank you to all the donors that make this program a reality!



# RUMPLE on A Mission



## Unexpected Gifts

We are entering the season of gratefulness, anticipation, and joy. October begins our preparation for the holiday season and a busy time it is!

Let's take some time in global mission assistance to share gifts and the message of God's love with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Partnering with Samaritan's Purse in Boone, we can pack shoeboxes during October to be delivered in November for distribution. We will have the **cardboard shoeboxes available** to be ready for filling. You can purchase a **plastic shoebox** with a lid. You can **pack boxes yourself** or with friends and drop them off at church. You can help **shop for items** for the workshop. You can **donate items** to be packed by others at Rumble. You can participate in a **workshop with others at Rumble**, packing shoeboxes on October 22. You can **write a check** which will cover the shipping costs of the boxes, a required item in each box. Please see the list of suggested items and items that are prohibited on the next page.

Whatever way you choose to participate, we're sure that you will receive unexpected gifts, just as you will help a child to receive our unexpected gifts and the gospel of Christ.

Click [here](#) for more information about Operation Christmas Child. Email or call me to ask questions or to sign up for the workshop...Debra Smith, 773-1966 or [deborawsm@gmail.com](mailto:deborawsm@gmail.com)

Thank you for continuing to do God's work in our world as **Rumble goes**

**On A Mission. Luke 4:18**

### On-going Missions of Rumble Church

**Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** \* canned food at any time in the grocery basket \* specified items on the last Sunday of the month in worship

**Red Cross Blood Drive** \* quarterly collections at Rumble Church through the Rotary Club \* multiple opportunities around the High Country each week

**Hospitality House** \* donations of clothing and food always welcome \* Rumble prepares meals and serves on the 5th Monday, in any month this occurs

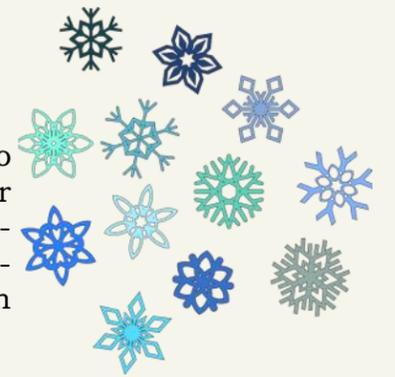
**Hunger and Health Coalition** \* On-going prescription bottle collection

Please contact Debra Smith **828 773-1966** or [deborawsm@gmail.com](mailto:deborawsm@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with Hospitality House meals or any monthly missions project.

## Share the Warmth

A NEW Mission Opportunity! Rumble church will **partner with the Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge to provide coats**

**for the Hospitality House** in October. Please bring any coats to share to the collection box in the Rumble lobby, now until October 9th. They are especially in need of larger men's and women's sizes, so if you've recently experienced weight loss, this is your opportunity to clean your closet! Help keep your brothers and sisters in Christ warm this winter!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX SUGGESTIONS

**"Wow" Item** ..Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. **Ideas include:** Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.),

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc. musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

### A Personal Note or photo

**Do Not Include** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**Candy specifications:** During 2016, the following types of candy can be included in shoebox gifts: hard candy, gummy bears, caramels, taffy, and gum—as long as its expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week: Nov. 14-21, 2016. Starting in 2017, no type of candy can be included in shoebox gifts.

**Toothpaste specifications:** Toothpaste can be included this year as long as its expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week: Nov. 14-21, 2016

## Around Rumble

### Knitters Needed

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has lost four members this past year. Both knitters and crocheters are needed in order to keep the ministry going. The group presently meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Rumble House.

Please consider joining our group and call Pat



The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will meet on **Saturday, October 8, at Graham Presbyterian Church in Graham, Alamance Co.** The Rev. Madeline Mercer of Laurinburg will speak on the influence of Martin Luther on our Reformed faith. This will begin our celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's nailing up his 95 theses for discussion, an act in 1517 that led ultimately to the Protestant Reformation.

Registration is \$18, including lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at [www.ncphsociety.org](http://www.ncphsociety.org). Contact Program Chair Sam Martin at (910) 428-4165, or Don Saunders at (828) 295-8917 can offer a lift if you are interested in attending.

Your **Pastor Nominating Committee** is pleased to share that our discernment process is going very well. We are completing Skype interviews in preparation for narrowing the field to two or three candidates for face-to-face interviews. Interviews should take place during late October or possibly early November. We will continue to update you with our progress. Thank you for your continued prayers!



### Circle News and Meetings

**Circle I** will meet Monday October 3 at 6:00 in the Rumble House.

**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday October 11 at 2:00 at the home of Mary Lentz.

**Circle III** will meet Monday October 3 at 10:30 at the home of Leslie Novilla.

**Circle IV** will meet Monday October 10 at 1:00 at the home of Eula Calvin.

**Circle V** will meet Wednesday, October 5, in the Rumble House at 9:30.

**Rumble Library** Checking out and returning books in the Rumble Library is changing. From now on, **when you check out a book**, please sign the card and place it in the small plastic file card box behind the first letter of your last name. **When you return your book**, please find your card, replace it in the book and reshelv the book. The colored dot on the spine of the book should enable you to shelve it in the right section. The sections are color coded and then the books are in alphabetical order according to the last name of the author. The Rumble library is located off the main hallway close to the lobby. We have many interesting books in various categories—devotional; reference; spiritual living; Christian fiction; children and youth books; biographical—so next time you have a few minutes, check to see what might interest you.

## Rumble At Work

The Session of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church consists of our pastor as moderator and twelve ruling elders, elected by the congregation. They meet monthly on the fourth Monday at 5:30. If you have items for the session, please see Rev. Maggie Lauterer.

### Session September 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Maggie Lauterer

- Jimmy Smith gave the devotional on "Peter's Tears".
- Rev. Lauterer mentioned some of her commitments during the month of September, stewardship plans, committee meetings, plans for funeral, plans for coming Advent.
- The minutes were read and approved.
- FINANCE COMMITTEE Wayne Holliday gave update on budget for the month and yearly update from January through August.
- MISSIONS COMMITTEE Donna Whitt reported on where funds have been spent to this date.
- PERSONNEL Mike Rhyne explained the new health care package form Presbytery concerning insurance for our employees.
- PROPERTIES COMMITTEE Bill Thorn and Rita White listed work being done toward the sound system in the sanctuary, parking lot, and the ongoing upkeep of the 3 buildings.
- WORSHIP COMMITTEE Brenda Lentz reported on the studies planned for the K-5 students during Sunday School, new drum set, the four ASU students that will be in the choir.
- Rev. Lauterer mentioned names of our members and friends that need our prayers and asked that we remember them daily this month.
- Our next Stated Session Meeting will be October 24 at 5:30 in the Rumble House.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Lauterer Mary Lentz, Clerk of Session

### FINANCIAL REPORT

**Church Income:** Your Session has determined that our congregation should be kept informed of our finances. Our hope is that you, as the congregation of this church, keep the welfare of our home church in your prayers and financial support.

Both Total Income and Total Expenses are about 10% under budget for the period January through July. The budget includes a \$50,000 reserve that covers the year-to-date overrun of \$28,150. Pledges need to increase to reduce the overrun and conserve the reserve.

### 2016 Actual Income and Expenses

	<u>August</u>	<u>Jan-Aug</u>
Pledged Income	\$ 18,362	\$146,181
Non-pledged	7,600	58,895
Other Income	<u>6,942</u>	<u>21,819</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,905</b>	<b>\$226,895</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 24,480</b>	<b>\$246,620</b>
<b>To (From) Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 8,425</b>	<b>\$ -19,725</b>

### Weekly Collections

September 4	\$7,260
September 11	\$7,955
September 18	\$3,367
September 25	\$4,351 (175.50 Pennies for Hunger)

## Member News

**Gardening Tools Needed** If you have any good gardening tools that you no longer need, Rumple could make good use of them. A good wheelbarrow is especially needed, along with a sharp spade and any pruning tools.



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Please call the church office or talk to Joe Kiker if you have any questions or have any items to donate.

### Tracy Markland is Teacher of Excellence

We congratulate one of Rumple's own, Tracy Markland, for her recognition at the recent Watauga Board of Education meeting. Tracy is in her sixth year of teaching at Watauga High School. She completed her bachelor's degree in special education at UNC-Greensboro and a master's degree in reading education at ASU. Congratulate Tracy when you see her around Rumple!



### Student Notes:

**Molly Kirkland**, an eighth grader at Blowing Rock School is currently a member of their volleyball team. Be sure to ask Molly about her schedule and plan to take in a game and cheer on the Blowing Rock Rockets.

**August Carter** (flute/piccolo) and **Reagan Womack** (clarinet) are members of Watauga High School's Marching Pioneers Marching Band. They recently competed in the Avery Viking Classic Tournament of Bands. They placed second in class and won the Memorial Cup for best presentation of ALL competing bands. Congratulations!

- There is a **Medical Supply Loaner Closet** in the Rumple House with medical supplies to be used by anyone as needed.
- **Missed Worship?** There are audio CD's available of each worship service and they can be found in the library if you would like to check one out.
- **Stay Connected!** Rumple publishes a weekly email newsletter, "Thursday News". Keep up to date on the latest calendar and happenings at Rumple. Email Cameron Womack to be connected: [cameronwomack@outlook.com](mailto:cameronwomack@outlook.com)
- **Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to have communion at home because of illness or mobility challenges, please call the church office. Visit our website for updates, newsletters, photos and bulletins. [rumplechurch.org](http://rumplechurch.org)

Happy Birthday!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Ruth Henson  
 4 George Ligon  
 4 Elizabeth Stover  
 7 Katie Gurkin  
 8 Betty Womack  
 9 Jim Veorse  
 9 Cameroon Womack  
 9 Angie Alexander  
 9 Nathaniel Hankins  
 10 Jerry Hutchens  
 10 Steve Kincaid  
 11 Joanne Akins  
 11 Bonnie Ewing  
 12 Mike Steele  
 14 Burt Myers  
 14 Steve Clay  
 17 Dot Lentz  
 19 Judy Carr  
 19 Will Kirkland  
 19 Deatra Sellers  
 21 Harriett Myers  
 22 Adele Dunbar  
 22 Grace Robbins  
 27 Joe Carr  
 28 Genevieve Waugh  
 28 David Hardage  
 29 Martin Clay  
 31 Brian Womack

## Church Nurture

### Be a Part of Something New! Covenant Bible Study Continues Sundays in October

COVENANT IS AN IN-DEPTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS READ AND DISCUSS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, LEARNING HOW TO LOVE GOD – AND EACH OTHER – BETTER.

Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God. The entire course is 24 weeks, but will be broken into three 8-week segments.

\* **CREATING:** Examines how the Covenant community is created and established

\* **LIVING:** Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love – how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

\* **TRUSTING:** Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant represents a relationship – a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it!

Rumple will be hosting this 24 week course on Sunday afternoons 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Led by our Director of Christian Education, Cameron Womack. To sign-up or learn more, contact Cameron today.



### Special October Children and Parent Classes

All children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents (or grandparent, or special adult friend) are invited to attend three special classes during Sunday School. Please R.S.V.P. to Cameron Womack. This is to ensure we have enough materials prepared and each participant will receive a token to remember each class.

October 2 – "Let's Learn about Communion"  
 October 16 – "Let's Learn about Baptism"  
 October 30 – Journey of Faith Travel Guide

To learn more or to register, please contact Cameron Womack. All classes will meet in the fellowship hall from 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

### Psalms

Beginning October 23,

2016, I will lead an eight-week study session on the Psalms that will take place during the Sunday School hour in the choir room. It will begin at 9:30 am instead of 9:45 am. We will focus on using the psalms individually and incorporating the Psalms in worship. This class is partial fulfillment of my requirements for my Doctoral Thesis. The class will run through December 11<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to come any and all sessions. See you there! Dave McCollum



### Concerns and Cares

We pray for: Charles Cawthorne, Nancy Trexler, Bill Thorn's brother, Walter; Debra Norville's mother, Delores; Molly Bowden, James Burgess at home; Charlie Landreth, Brian Womack's brother, Jay; Peggy Bisette, now in the health center of The Pines (400 Avinger Lane, Room 167, Davidson, NC 28036); Mary Goodwin at the Deerfield Ridge Assisted Living, 287 Bamboo Rd, Boone, NC

We grieve with Betty Ferguson in the death of her husband Murry Ferguson; the daughters of Anne McBryde who passed away September 18, Barbara Scott and Anne McKenzie and their families

**If you go to the hospital** and would like the church office to know, please remember to call or ask the hospital to call the church office. Your name and hospitalization is not shared with the congregation unless you give permission.

**Congregational Care** - If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit, please share this information with one of the Elders, or contact the Church Office.

**Charlie on Facebook!** Word has come that Rev. Charlie Landreth is now able to communicate on Facebook. His son said his communication with writing is still limited, but he loves to hear from folks and respond.

**Charlie Landreth**  
25 State Road 13, Apt F22  
Saint Johns, FL 32259-2842

**New Address for** Billie Hicklin, 216 Green Mountain Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28792; Greg, Janice and Andrew Grana is 102 Canty Court, Cary, NC 27511 and their phone number is 919-377-8477.

**Congregational Care** - We are all in this together! Rumble's Congregational Care Committee is focused on making our congregation aware of Christ's love and the church's support as we make our faith journey through the high and lows of this life. We need your help in volunteering for service with our Contact sub-committee, a group committed to reaching out through calls, notes and visits to Rumble folks in need. We even have a freezer stocked with goodies to share! We want to celebrate 90th birthdays and 50th anniversaries and other happy events! The CCC is also developing a Prayer list that will be updated weekly and printed in the bulletin. Its accuracy will only be as good as the collective knowledge of all Rumble members, so we kindly ask that you notify the church office (rmprc123@bellsouth.net), Jim Ruff (jimruff@gmail.com), or Karen Gaddy (Karen.gaddy@gmail.com).

From Your Congregational Care Committee -  
Do you want to feel closer to Rumble? Do you yearn to make new friends? If so, you are invited to join CCC's contact sub-committee. We reach out to members struggling with life's difficulties such as sickness, rehab, confinement, sorrow. jimruff@gmail.com or karen.gaddy@gmail.com



Thanks.....Karen

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

## October at Rumble

L—Library  
RH—Rumple House  
FH—Fellowship Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w Communion 3:00 Covenant 4:00 MS Youth 5:00 HS Youth	3 10:30 Circle 3— Leslie Novilla	4 7:00 am Youth Break-fast (YC) 9:30 CE Comm (L) 11:00 Lunch n Learn (L)	5 9:30 Circle 5 (RH) 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	6 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	7	8 Art in the Park
9 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Second Sunday Lunch Corn Maze 3:00 Covenant	10	11 7:00 am Youth Break-fast (YC) 9:30 CE Comm (L) 11:00 Lunch n Learn (L)	12 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	13 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	14	15
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